

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

March 17, 1949
10:50 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order, with Mayor Miller presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller.

Absent: None

Present also: Guiton Morgan, City Manager; J. E. Motheral, Director of Public Works; Trueman E. O'Quinn, City Attorney; R. D. Thorp, Chief of Police.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

M. H. Crockett appeared and requested that the City accept and open up Haywood Avenue, which is a dead-end street on Mr. Crockett's property and faces on Riverside Drive, near Barton Springs Road. The Council advised Mr. Crockett that they would go out and look at this property and then give him their answer.

A group of Latin Americans, living in the area bounded by Canadian Street, Pleasant Valley Road, 6th Street to 1st Street, appeared and presented a petition and asked for better street lighting in this area; the installation of storm sewers to improve the drainage in this area; the installation of lights on the playground at the Santa Rita Housing Project; and the improvement of Zaragosa Park by installing flood lights for night playground activities, and the repairing of the fence around the park. The Council advised these citizens that the street lights would be installed as soon as possible, but that lights could not be installed at the Santa Rita Housing Project because this was owned by the United States Government. Further, that the City would do all that they possibly could at this time to correct the other matters but that it would cost entirely too much to install the proper drainage in this area.

Dr. Everett Givens, representing the Negro Citizens' Council, appeared and thanked the Council for the installation of the new floor at Dorie Miller Auditorium and the new baseball park for the negroes.

The Council upon motion of Councilman Johnson voted to give the Negro Legion Post permission to have a carnival at Rosewood Park, March 26 through April 1st.

Pursuant to published notice thereof, the public hearing on the application of C. B. McCullough to amend the Zoning Ordinance in the following particular:

To amend the USE designation of the following described property so as to change the same from "A" Residence District to "C" Commercial District:

Lots 4 and 5, N. A. Ladd Addition, being located on the north side of Capitol Court west of Georgetown Road and known as 806 and 808 Capitol Court, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas,

was duly opened.

No one appeared to protest this change. Mr. McCullough appeared in his own behalf.

Councilman Long moved that the recommendations of the Board of Adjustment be sustained and the change GRANTED and the City Attorney instructed to prepare an ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Pursuant to published notice thereof, the public hearing on the application of R. T. McAlister to amend the Zoning Ordinance in the following particular:

To amend the USE designation of the following described property so as to change the same from "A" Residence District to "C" Commercial District:

Lot 1, Block B, College Heights, being located at the northeast corner of Chicon Street and Tillotson Avenue and known as 1111-1113 Chicon Street, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas,

was duly opened.

No one appeared to protest this change.

Councilman Long moved that the recommendations of the Board of Adjustment be sustained and the change GRANTED and the City Attorney instructed to prepare an ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The following applications for zoning changes were referred to the Board of Adjustment for consideration and recommendation:

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Benoit)	change from "C" Commercial to "C-1" Commercial,
Mr. E. L. Bauer)	the property located and known as the
	2900 block of South Congress Avenue, City
	of Austin.

Roland B. Moore,	change from "A" Residence to "C" Commercial,
	the property located at 3501 Bonnie Road.

Mr. Martin Harris, representing H. E. Butt Grocery Company, appeared and asked what the Council had decided about his request of March 10th for the purchase by his client of the alley paralleling the H. E. Butt Store at 824 West 12th street.

After discussing this matter fully and hearing the property owners who might be affected by such sale & they being Mr. L. Malkin and Mrs. Florence Crofoot, who was represented by Mr. Woodrow Patterson - Councilman Long moved that the City sell this alley which is 17½ feet wide to H. E. Butt Grocery Company for the sum of \$1,750.00; that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare a deed covering this sale, and that an agreement be signed by H. E. Butt that Mr. Malkin and Mrs. Crofoot shall have the right of ingress and egress should they develop their property at some future date. Mr. Butt has agreed to pave the alley, put in the proper drains and build a fence on the line between this property and the Austin Athletic Club so as to protect the public, and that this property will be used only as a means of egress for their customers. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

A. V. Knight appeared and discussed the possibility of the City setting up a group insurance or savings plan for all City employees. No action was taken.

Council agreed to permit the "Jail on Wheels" sponsored by Boysville, and which is touring the United States in the interest of preventing juvenile delinquency, to park on West 7th street, south of the Queen Theatre, for two days, March 18 and 19.

The Mayor issued a proclamation proclaiming the week of March 20 through 26 "Square Dance Week."

Councilman Glass offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City of Austin to enter into a contract with the United States of American for the lease to the Government of a Remote Receiver Site at the Austin Municipal Airport for a term beginning October 15, 1948, and ending June 30, 1949, at a rental of \$1.00 per year, with an option in the Government to renew each year on thirty days' notice for a maximum period ending June 30, 1959, the leased premises being more particularly described as follows:

From the southwest corner of the concrete apron that runs in front of the hangar and tower at Austin Municipal Airport, Austin, Texas, go S. 5° 13' E. 250 feet; thence S. 84° 47' W. 100 feet to the point of beginning; thence S. 84° 47' W. 110 feet; thence S. 5° 13' E. 160 feet; thence N. 84° 47' E. 110 feet; thence N. 5° 13' W. 160 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.4 acre, more or less, and located on Austin Municipal Airport, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has received competitive bids on boiler feed pumps, Deaerator, motor generator exciter, and four screens for the intake tower, all for use in expansion of Power Plant; and

WHEREAS, the lowest and best bids considering quality, price, and date of delivery, have been found to be as follows:

San Antonio Machine & Supply Co. - boiler feed pumps

Elliott Company - Deaerator

Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co. - Motor generator exciter

Link Belt Company - four screens for intake tower;

Now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT Guiton Morgan, City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with each of the following four companies as follows:

San Antonio Machine & Supply Co. for the purchase of six (6) Byron Jackson Vertical Pumps at a price of \$86,540.00.

Elliott Company, Houston, Texas, for the purchase of Deaerator at a price of \$5,628.00.

Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, San Antonio, Texas, for the purchase of Motor Generator Exciter at a price of \$5,885.57.

Link Belt Company, Chicago, Illinois, for the purchase of four (4) screens for the intake tower, complete with hydraulic drive couplings, at a price of \$29,807.00.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

The City Manager presented a tabulation of bids received on the sale of three houses on East Avenue and recommended as follows:

912 Clayton Lane

Tom Attal	\$ 1,852.61
Lott Lumber Co., Inc.	825.50

2114 East Avenue

J. R. Killen	\$ 203.00
Lott Lumber Co., Inc.	75.20
Tom Attal	25.00

4914 East Avenue

Lott Lumber Co., Inc.	\$ 562.50
Tom Attal	531.65
Wilhelmine B. Sheffield	531.50

The City Manager recommended that the houses be sold to the highest bidder in each instance.

Councilman Bartholomew moved that the recommendations of the City Manager be accepted and that the house located at 912 Clayton Lane be sold to Tom Attal for \$1,852.61, the house at 2114 East Avenue be sold to J. R. Killen for \$203.00, and the house located at 4914 East Avenue be sold to Lott Lumber Co., Inc. for \$562.50. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long and Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Councilman Glass offered the following resolutions and moved their adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Texas Public Service Company has presented to the City Council tentative maps or plans showing the proposed construction of its gas mains in the streets in the City of Austin hereafter named, and said maps or plans have been considered by the City Council; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT Texas Public Service Company be and the same is hereby permitted to lay and construct its gas mains in and upon the following streets:

(1) A gas main in SAN JACINTO BOULEVARD, from East 26th Street northerly approximately 300 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 572 feet east of and parallel to the east line of Speedway.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(2) A gas main across SAN JACINTO BOULEVARD intersection from a point 572 feet east of the east line of Speedway easterly to a point $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet south of and parallel to the north line of Park Place.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(3) A gas main in PARK PLACE, from San Jacinto Boulevard to Harris Park Avenue, the centerline of which gas main shall be $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said PARK PLACE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(4) A gas main in HARRIS PARK AVENUE, from Park Place to Sparks Avenue, the centerline of which gas main shall be 18 feet east of and parallel to the centerline of said HARRIS PARK AVENUE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(5) A gas main in SPARKS AVENUE, from Harris Park Avenue

to Waller Creek, the centerline of which gas main shall be 4 feet south of and parallel to the centerline of said SPARKS AVENUE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(6) A gas main in EAST 31st STREET, from Waller Creek to Red River Street, the centerline of which gas main shall be 4 feet south of and parallel to the centerline of said EAST 31st STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(7) A gas main in RED RIVER STREET, from East 31st Street to East 38th Street, the centerline of which gas main shall be 10 feet east of and parallel to the west property line of said RED RIVER STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(8) A gas main in RED RIVER STREET, from East 38th Street to East 41st Street, the centerline of which gas main shall be 12 feet east of and parallel to the west property line of said RED RIVER STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(9) A gas main in EAST 41st STREET across Red River Street intersection, the centerline of which gas main shall be 10 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said EAST 41st STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(10) A gas main in RED RIVER STREET, from East 41st Street to East 46th Street, the centerline of which gas main shall be 4 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said RED RIVER STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(11) A gas main in EAST 46th STREET, from Red River Street to Harmon Avenue, the centerline of which gas main shall be 4 feet north of and parallel to the south property line of said EAST 46th STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(12) A gas main in HARMON AVENUE, from East 46th street to East 53rd Street, the centerline of which gas main shall be $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said HARMON AVENUE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(13) A gas main in EAST 53rd STREET, from Harmon Avenue to East Avenue, the centerline of which gas main shall be $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said EAST 53rd STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(14) A gas main in EAST AVENUE, from East 53rd Street north to City Limit Line, the centerline of which gas main shall be 20 feet east of and parallel to the west property line of said EAST AVENUE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

The Texas Public Service Company is hereby put upon notice that the City of Austin does not guarantee the space assigned above is clear from other underground utilities, but is based upon the best records we have at hand, and that the minimum depth stated does not have any reference to the fact that greater depths may not be required at special points. When the Texas Public Service Company requires definite information upon the ground as to elevations or working points from which to base the location of their assignments they shall apply to the Department of Public Works not less than three (3) days before such information is required. The Texas Public Service Company is further put upon notice that they will be required to bear the expense of repairs or replacement of any underground utility damaged during the construction of lines named in this resolution.

AND THAT whenever pavement is cut in the vicinity of a fire plug, water must be used at intervals during the course of backfilling of the ditches.

THAT the work and laying of said gas mains, including the excavation in the streets, and the restoration and maintenance of said streets after said mains have been laid shall be under the supervision and direction of the City Manager, and under all the pertinent terms and conditions of the certain franchises granted to said company by the City of Austin.

And
(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Texas Public Service Company has presented to the City Council tentative maps or plans showing the proposed construction of its gas mains in the streets in the City of Austin hereafter named, and said maps or plans have been considered by the City Council; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT Texas Public Service Company be and the same is hereby permitted to lay and construct its gas mains in and upon the following streets:

(1) A gas main in EAST 19th STREET, from a point 78 feet east of Maple Avenue easterly 85 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 13.5 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said EAST 19th STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not

less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(2) A gas main in ALAMEDA DRIVE, from Alta Vista Avenue Northerly 237 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 7.5 feet West of and parallel to the East property line of said ALAMEDA DRIVE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(3) A gas main in INKS AVENUE, from a point 152 feet West of Navasota Street Westerly 36 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 11 feet South of and parallel to the North property line of said INKS AVENUE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

The Texas Public Service Company is hereby put upon notice that the City of Austin does not guarantee that the space assigned above is clear from other underground utilities, but is based upon the best records we have at hand, and that the minimum depth stated does not have any reference to the fact that greater depths may not be required at special points. When the Texas Public Service Company requires definite information upon the ground as to elevations or working points from which to base the location of their assignments, they shall apply to the Department of Public Works not less than three (3) days before such information is required. The Texas Public Service Company is further put upon notice that they will be required to bear the expense of repairs or replacement of any underground utility damaged during the construction of lines named in this resolution.

AND THAT whenever pavement is cut in the vicinity of a fire plug, water must be used at intervals during the course of backfilling of the ditches.

THAT the work and laying of said gas mains, including the excavation in the streets, and the restoration and maintenance of said streets after said mains have been laid shall be under the supervision and direction of the City Manager, and under all the pertinent terms and conditions of the certain franchises granted to said company by the City of Austin.

Which motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor

Miller.

Noes: None

Councilman Glass offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Austin, on the 6th day of January, 1949, passed and on the same date the Mayor of said City approved, an ordinance entitled:

* An ordinance authorizing and effecting exchange in the use of certain property between Guy A. Thompson, Trustee, International-Great Northern Railroad Company, Debtor, and the City of Austin, at and near the intersection of West Third

and Baylor Street, in the City of Austin, in connection with and in contemplation of the construction and maintenance by the Railroad of a new passenger station on railroad property in the vicinity of Baylor Street and West Third Street; and suspending the rule of reading of an ordinance on three separate days."

and

WHEREAS, said ordinance provides that the same shall cease to have effect and shall be void unless it is accepted in writing by the said Guy A. Thompson, Trustee, within four (4) months after its passage and approval; and

WHEREAS, Guy A. Thompson, Trustee, International-Great Northern Railroad Company, Debtor, was duly authorized by the District Court of the United States, Eastern Division, Eastern Judicial District of Missouri, in the Matter of Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, Debtor, a proceeding for the reorganization of a railroad and being Cause No. 6935 on the docket of said Court, to accept said Ordinance to its terms and provisions thereof; and

WHEREAS, the said Trustee on March 14, 1949, filed his written acceptance of said ordinance with the City Clerk of the City of Austin, Travis County Texas, as provided in Section 3 of said ordinance; Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the filing of said written acceptance by said Guy A. Thompson, Trustee, International-Great Northern Railroad Company, Debtor, be made a matter of record on the minutes of the City Council and that the City Clerk of the City of Austin be directed to record in the office of the County Clerk of Travis County, Texas, a certified copy of this resolution, together with the written acceptance so filed by the said Guy A. Thompson, Trustee, International Great Northern Railroad Company, Debtor, the cost of such recording to be borne by the said Guy A. Thompson, Trustee.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Councilman Johnson moved that the following applications for taxicab operator's license, duly approved by the City Manager, be granted:

Thefman Gray,	2009 Tillotson Ave.	2-door, 1947 Ford Sedan, Motor No. 799A2021934, License No. JM-2245
Ross H. Joslin,	713A G.I. Drive,	1947 Chevrolet, Engine No. EAA44720, License No. JC-7031
Eugene Medlock,	813 E. 13th st.	1941 Chevrolet, 2-door, Motor No. AA661200, License No. JC-69
Sylvester Stewart,	2410 E. 11th st.	1941 Tudor Ford Sedan, Motor No. 18-6720161, License No. JE-3489

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Councilman Long moved that the following applications for taxicab driver's permits, duly approved by the City Manager, be granted:

William O. Barnett	3410 Bailey Lane
William T. Cook	2704 French Place
John M. King	1608 Linscomb
Jesse B. Medlock	2218 East 7th st.
Ira S. Stanton	1611 West 5th st.
Virgil E. Walenta	Route 1, Box 107, Del Valle, Texas
Willie Walton	1605 Leona st.
Willie J. Eason	2510 East 9th str

(This party given a 90-day probationary permit because he is just 18 years old.)

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Councilman Johnson moved that because of the recommendation of the Chief of Police and the City Manager the taxicab driver's permit given Gilbert Barba be REVOKED - this was caused by his record in the Police Department. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Councilman Glass moved that the following applications for beer and wine permits, duly approved by the City Manager, be granted:

Louie's Place,	Louis Attal,	416 East 6th street
Circle R. Barbecue,	Victor H. Randolph,	501 East 5th street
Rowley Bros.	Robt. E. Rowley,	506 East 1st street

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

City Attorney instructed to write a letter of condolence to Mrs. J. C. Lott, Librarian Carver Library, her husband, Rev. J. C. Lott, having died March 16, 1949.

Mayor Miller announced that nominations were in order to fill the vacancy on the Board of Adjustment.

Councilman Bartholomew nominated JOE DACY as a member of the Board of Adjustment for a term of two years beginning January 1, 1949. The nomination was confirmed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, on the Tax roll for the year 1946 the office building of the Holland Page Industries located on 3.87 acres, George W. Spear League, Plat 313, Item 66, was assessed as being 50% on January 1, 1946; and

WHEREAS, said building was only 20% completed on January 1, 1946; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the assessed valuation of the improvements on said 3.87 acres, George W. Spear League, be reduced on the Tax roll for the year 1946 from \$39,200 to \$31,070, and that the City Tax Assessor and Collector be authorized, and he is hereby so directed, to reduce the assessment accordingly.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, on the Tax roll for the year 1948 and prior years certain property in the name of John Noack Estate has been carried as consisting of 22 acres out of the Daniel J. Gilbert Survey, Plat 171, Item 2; and

WHEREAS, actually, according to a survey of this property made by Marlton O. Metcalfe in March, 1949, this land contains only 19.45 acres; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the City Tax Assessor and Collector be authorized, and he is hereby so directed, to reduce the assessable value of said land from \$4,400 to \$3,890 for the year 1948.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, on the Tax roll for the year 1948 there is an assessable valuation of \$15,000 on merchandise and \$5,000 on furniture and fixtures in the name of Frontier Crafts; and

WHEREAS, it has been developed as a fact that as of January 1, 1948, the Frontier Crafts had no furniture or fixtures; and

WHEREAS, it has been further substantiated that the assessable valuation of the merchandise as of January 1, 1948, was only \$830, instead of \$15,000; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the City Tax Assessor and Collector be authorized, and he is hereby so directed, to reduce the assessable valuation of the merchandise of the Frontier Crafts from \$15,000 to \$830 on the Tax roll for the year 1948, and

to remove from said tax roll the assessment of \$5,000 covering furniture and fixtures of the Frontier Crafts.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Councilman Johnson introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND ESTABLISHING THE WARD BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR VOTING PURPOSES ONLY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY", PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL MARCH 26, 1948, BY CHANGING THE WARD BOUNDARIES OF WEST SECOND WARD AND FOURTH WARD H OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Johnson moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to the second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Johnson moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to the third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Johnson moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Councilman Glass introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES AND CLERKS TO SERVE AT THE VARIOUS POLLING PLACES IN THE VARIOUS ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN DURING THE TERM OF TWO YEARS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Glass moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to the second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Glass moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to the third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Glass moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The Mayor then announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following ordinance and moved its adoption:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAME; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY," WHICH ORDINANCE WAS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN MAY 6, 1937, AND IS RECORDED IN BOOK "K", PAGES 159-179, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BY AMENDING SECTION 12(b) OF ARTICLE III RELATING TO STOP SIGN LOCATIONS AND SECTION 23 (d) OF ARTICLE IV RELATING TO LOADING ZONE LOCATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Bartholomew moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to the second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Bartholomew moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to the third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

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Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The Mayor then announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The City Manager reported to the Council the request of the Austin School Board for the sale of the balance of the School Bonds this year. This would mean that the School Board intends to complete their proposed 10-year improvement plan in 5 years, and that he thought a further study of this request should be made.

Councilman Long inquired as to the progress the City Attorney had made with reference to the re-writing or amending of the City Charter. The City Attorney stated that he had written a memorandum to the members of the City Council explaining what the law requires when a City Charter is re-written or amended, but had not yet given them to the Council members.

The City Attorney distributed the copies of the memorandum to the City Council at this point, and the following is a copy of same:

"March 17, 1949

Memorandum to: Mayor Miller

Re-writing or Amending the
City Charter

The City Council has asked me to consider and report on steps necessary to amend extensively or re-write the City Charter.

If the charter is to be re-written, state law requires the holding of two special elections, the first to obtain consent of the people to such re-writing and naming a commission of not less than fifteen persons, and the second election for adoption of the detailed provisions by sections.

Amendments, not amounting to a re-write of the charter, may be adopted at an election upon submission of the propositions by the City Council.

But no election to amend or adopt a charter may be held in Austin before July 20, 1950.

If the charter is to be completely re-written, it is mandatory that an election be held to obtain consent and that a commission of not less than 15 be assigned to the task. The City Attorney could be a member of such commission.

The staff of the City Attorney's office can prepare such amendments to the charter as the Council may in 1950 desire to submit to the people.

(Sgd) Trueman E. O'Quinn,
City Attorney.

There being no further business, upon motion of Councilman Glass, the meeting recessed at 1:30 P. M., subject to call of the Mayor.

APPROVED:

Tom Miller.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Helen A. Busch
Acting City Clerk